

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE  
AMENDMENT TO ITEM 24**

**MARCH 4, 2008**

In 2007, Kaiser Permanente offered a proposal to provide Quality Improvement grants to the Department of Health Services. Three facilities applied and Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center has been awarded \$150,000 for Quality Improvement and Peer Review and ValleyCare Olive View-UCLA Medical Center has been awarded \$150,000 for Quality Improvement Initiative: Information Systems/Data Warehouse Infrastructure Project. There was no submission to Kaiser Permanente by any DHS facility in South Los Angeles.

L. A. Care solicited proposals and in June of 2007 this Board accepted grant awards in the amount \$6,611,858 for LAC/USC, Harbor-UCLA, Rancho Los Amigos and Olive View. Again, there was no application from any South Los Angeles facility.

Los Angeles County is fortunate to have partners that are helping with financial assistance to enable us to provide quality health care to our uninsured patients. Unfortunately, while South Los Angeles is one of the areas with the highest number of uninsured patients as well as the sickest patient population, it is being excluded from this benefit. It is clear to me that improved coordination of available grant opportunities by DHS and DPH is essential in order to avoid missing such opportunities and improving parity.

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**I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the CEO to work in conjunction with the Directors of the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health to review the current practices and procedures at DHS and DPH for identifying and responding to requests for grant proposals (and the like), such as those described herein; and make recommendations for improvements to each department's policies in order to yield greater parity to help those areas with the highest needs.

**I, FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the CEO to develop a tracking system whereby this Board receives written notification, on a quarterly basis, of any missed grant opportunities by DHS and DPH including any individual facilities.

**FINALLY, I MOVE THAT THIS BOARD:**

Direct the CEO to report back with his findings and recommendations within 30 days.

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